

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. is a duly ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist

Episcopal (AME) Church, the oldest Black Christian denomination in the United States of

America; and

WHEREAS: As a servant leader, he has faithfully served communities in Minnesota and Iowa in the dual

capacity of Presiding Elder of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis District of the AME Church as well as

Pastor of Wayman AME Church; and

WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. led the collaboration between Harvest Preparatory School, a

Minneapolis charter school, and Wayman AME Church, and was involved with the establishment

of the Synergy Boys School; and

WHEREAS: In 1999, he founded the Wayman Bible Institute at Wayman AME Church, and in 2008, the

Richard Allen Math and Science Academy; and

WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. was a delegate to the 2000 General Conference and to the

2017 General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the worldwide Bicentennial Celebration

of the AME Church; and

WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. and Mrs. Janice Reff have been married for 54 years and are

loving and devoted parents, grandparents, and great-grand parents; and

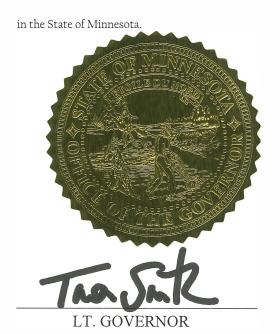
WHEREAS: After 55 years in the ministry, 13 years as the Presiding Elder of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis District

of the Fourth Episcopal District of the Chicago Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and 33 years as the Pastor of Wayman AME Church, the Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr.

is retiring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of April, 2017, as:

THE REVEREND DR. ALPHONSE REFF, SR. DAY



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26^{th} day of April.

